



The

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Savannah River Site
Citizens Advisory Board
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*Working Together for 20 Years to Educate and
Inform the Communities Surrounding
the Savannah River Site!*



Several CAB members took a tour of the Savannah River Site in Sept. 2014.

The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board is a public board and its mission is to study issues affecting the Savannah River Site in order to provide informed recommendations, from the public's perspective, to the Department of Energy concerning Environmental Management work in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

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The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) extends a big "thank you" to everyone that helped make this magazine possible. To all the CAB members who submitted ideas and articles, to all the presenters and managers who make Full Board and Committee meetings meaningful, to the Board's agency liaisons, and to the Department of Energy (DOE) for continued support, as we, the members of the SRS CAB, serve this very important role for DOE and our communities.

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You will notice the Board Beat has graduated from "newsletter" to "magazine." With all the information we aim to squeeze into these pages, this was a natural progression. We hope you continue to support us as we grow!

Message from the Chair- Dr. Marolyn Parson



**Dr. Marolyn Parson
CAB Chair**

The November meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be the last one that Gerri Flemming will participate in as a Department of Energy employee. She is retiring at the end of the year and has worked with the Board since it was formed 20 years ago. For those of you who attended the 20th Anniversary of the Board, you had an opportunity to see Gerri at the microphone, a rare occurrence to be sure. For while Gerri has been actively involved with the Board since it formed, she does most of her work behind the scenes.

With changes in the Board's membership each year, it has been very beneficial to have Gerri guiding the process that allows the Citizens of Georgia and South Carolina to give input to the Department of Energy. She is the expert on how the Board must function under its Federal charter. Her guidance has been important to the success of the Board, which has submitted over 320 recommendations to the

Department of Energy on a variety of issues related to the cleanup of the Site. This input represents the work of more than 100 citizens from Georgia and South Carolina who have volunteered their time to serve on the Board.

Gerri has worked diligently to improve the opportunities for the public to participate in the decisions that the Board makes. It isn't surprising that our Board is the only Department of Energy Citizens Advisory Board that has online meetings and uses social media to share information. We will remind Gerri that she too can stay connected after she retires!

I have had the opportunity to interact with Gerri more frequently this year as Chair of the Board. She has always been there when I needed her input and guidance. I have observed how seriously she takes her role and how easily she can laugh! I know those who work closely with her every day will miss both of those qualities.

Gerri, I hope that your years spent working with the Board have been gratifying. The citizens of Georgia and South Carolina are grateful that you have been there to help them have a strong voice.

Marolyn J. Parson, Ph.D.



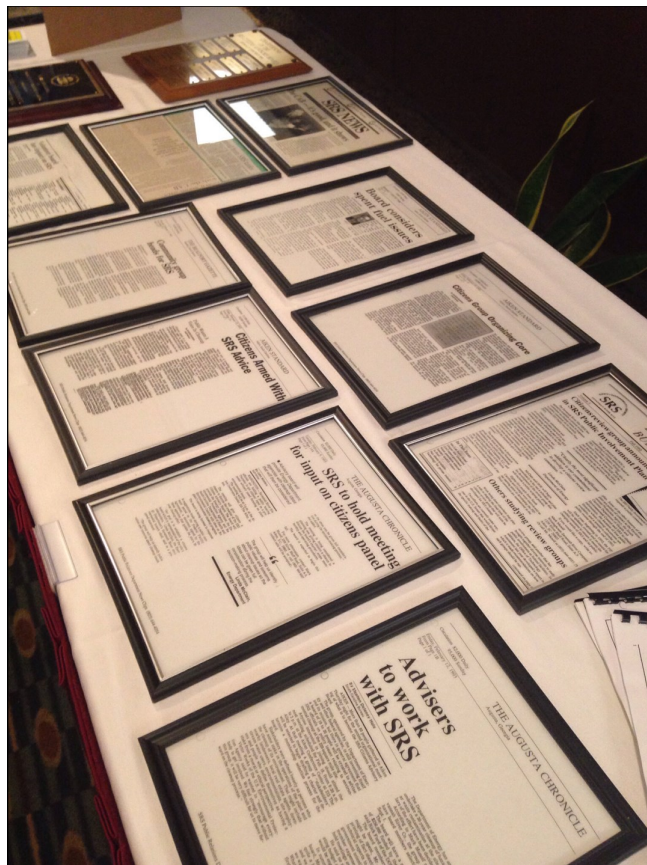
The SRS CAB Celebrates 20 Years of Service to the Community

The SRS CAB celebrated 20 years of public involvement on July 21, 2014, at the Double Tree in Augusta. New and old CAB members alike, as well as SRS employees from over the years, attended the 20th anniversary celebration in honor of all the work the SRS CAB has put in over the past two decades. Here's to 20 more years!



Pictured above: A 20-year collage of SRS CAB pictures over the last two decades.

Pictured right: Attendees were able to view several news articles on the SRS CAB, some dated as far back as 1994, framed and on display.



Pictured left: Ms. Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR, poses by the celebratory cake. Ms. Flemming has served as the Federal Coordinator for the SRS CAB since its inception.

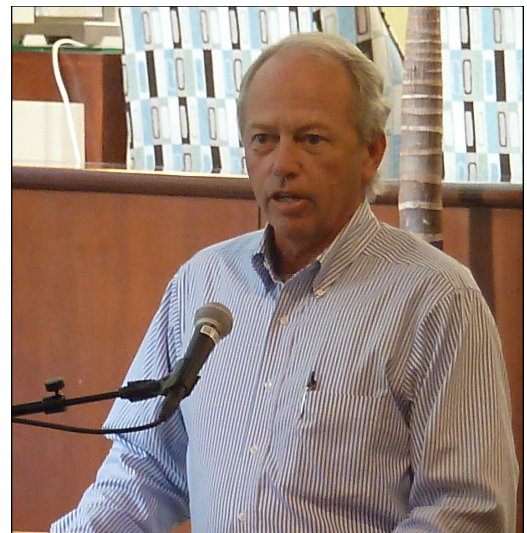


Pictured above: Several retired CAB members sign a 20-year banner.

The SRS CAB Celebrates 20 Years of Service to the Community



Pictured above: Several current and past SRS CAB members showed up to celebrate the Board's 20th anniversary. Ms. Gerri Flemming, DOR-SR, joins them in acknowledging many years of public involvement.



Pictured top left: SRS CAB Chairs from over the past 20 years.

Pictured bottom left: Attendees look on as several speakers address them, and a photo slideshow was debuted.

Pictured above: Mr. Terry Spears, Deputy Site Manager for SRS, speaks briefly about the SRS CAB's effect on SRS and the surrounding communities over the past 20 years.



CAB Administrative & Outreach Committee Chair Speaks to Beaufort Rotary Club

Written by: Nina Spinelli, CAB Member



President Sam Scoville and President-Elect Wayne Heath both thanked Mrs. Spinelli for presenting during their meeting and bringing light on a subject that is so relevant to Beaufort.

On October 1, 2014, I attended the lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Beaufort and presented information about the role and importance of the Savannah River Site's (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) for nearly 90 attending Rotarians.

I shared the history of the site and CAB, the long-term asset of the Site to the community and state, and the value of the citizen volunteers, whose participation is a key component of the environmental management clean-up. In addition, I provided an overview of the CAB structure and organization, as well as the recommendations that the CAB has adopted over the years.

I stressed the importance of citizen participation and encouraged the members of the Beaufort Rotary Club to apply for board membership, attend the public tours conducted at

SRS, and join the CAB, and SRS, mailing lists.

Meeting with the Rotary Club of Beaufort was such a great opportunity. I was happy to share the work of the CAB with those in the community. I encourage everyone to keep learning about the Board's activities.

Spotlight
on:

Beaufort, South Carolina



CAB member Earl Sheppard, an employee at Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authority, invited his boss, Ms. Tricia Kilgore, to present to the CAB in September on downstream water safety.



When the CAB held its September Full Board Meeting in Beaufort, South Carolina, the city's Mayor, the Honorable Billy Keyserling, made a visit to the meeting and presented the attendees with opening remarks. Thanks for supporting the CAB, Mayor Keyserling!

DOE-SR Hosts Information POD in Beaufort, SC

As part of an education and outreach initiative, the Department of Energy-Savannah River (DOE-SR) hosted an Information POD in Beaufort, South Carolina on the evening of September 22, 2014. This was the third Information POD that DOE-SR has hosted in the past year. The POD began with an hour-long poster session. During the second half of the evening there were four presentation sessions that included topics such as Nuclear Materials Management, the Savannah River National Laboratory, Environmental Monitoring and Restoration, and Waste Management. All presentations were rated by attendees as “Excellent” or “Good,” the poster session was rated “Excellent,” and the overall POD was rated as “Helpful” by attendees. Below are photos of the evening. Thanks to everyone who attended the Information POD!



2015 CAB Full Board Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 26-27	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809
March 23-24	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809
May 18-19	To Be Decided To Be Decided Savannah, GA
July 27-28	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809
September 21-22	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809
November 16-17	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809

*Join us for a SRS CAB Committee
Meeting in 2014!*

Upcoming CAB committee meetings:

Dec. 2: Waste Management– 4:30-6:20 p.m.
Nuclear Materials– 6:30-8:20 p.m.

Dec. 8: Strategic & Legacy Management–
4:30-6:20 p.m.
Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation
6:30-8:20 p.m.

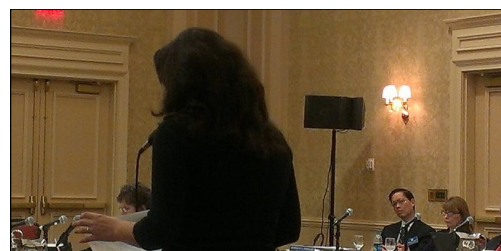
**Dec. 8 is a Monday*

*Can't make it to a committee
meeting in person? Consider
joining us online in real time!
Fore more details, please visit
the CAB's website:
cab.srs.gov*

CAB Member Attends October 29 Meeting of the US Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board

Written by: Nina Spinelli, CAB Member

On October 29, 2014, I attended the Full Board Meeting of the United States Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board held in Augusta, Georgia. The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) serves as an independent agency of the United States Federal Government and solely performs autonomous scientific and peer reviews for the Department of Energy's (DOE) program for managing and disposing of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel (SNF). Similar to the CAB, the NWTRB provides findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy, as well as Congress and interested members of the public.



Nina Spinelli, CAB, makes a public comment at the October 29 US Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

The Board heard an update on spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste management, in addition to learning more about the status of the DOE's SNF Corporate Board, understanding the charter, functions and responsibilities of the Corporate Board and the authority it will be given. Other presentations included SNF Management Alternatives and dry storage of SNF in L-Basin, Vitrification of High-Level Waste, and SNF Processing at H-Canyon and Start-Up of the Salt Waste Processing Facility.

Speaking as a member of the public, I shared my appreciation of the time and energy that DOE spends on creating presentations and updates for the CAB, as well as being readily available to provide technical support. In addition, I shared my thoughts that the discussion surrounding processing and storage was vital, but it all hinged on the 2048 deadline of finding a long-term repository.

CAB Member Nina Spinelli Writes Paper for Waste Management Symposia

Since 1974, the Waste Management Symposia, held in Phoenix, Arizona annually, has served as a forum for discussion concerning the safe management and disposition of radioactive waste and materials. The Symposia has many speakers who travel from all over the world to present on varying topics concerning nuclear waste, cross-cutting policies, and more.

The SRS CAB has seen Board members travel to this Symposia in previous years to present papers they authored, and to give presentations. In 2015, CAB member Nina Spinelli, who serves as the current Chair of the Administrative & Outreach Committee, has entered a paper titled, "Online Technology for the Citizens Advisory



Nina Spinelli
CAB Member

Board," and will be traveling to the March 15-19 Waste Management Symposia to present her paper as part of a panel on Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Boards. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Spinelli on her paper, and wishing her good luck as she presents to hundreds of attendees in Phoenix.



The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Adopts Two New Position Statements in September 2014



CAB position statements are statements developed by the CAB on site functions and activities that express how the Board generally stands on those topics. The agreement of the position may not include the opinion of all CAB members, but must represent the majority. These position statements can be used as written talking points by CAB members to readily express the Board's opinion on a topic and must fall within its work scope. Position statements do not require a response from the Department of Energy.

Since implementing the use of position statements in 2012, the SRS CAB has adopted several, all of which can be found online on the CAB's website. During the CAB's September 2014 CAB meeting in Augusta, the Board adopted two new position statements titled, "The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the President's 2015 Budget Proposal," and "The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the Savannah River National Laboratory." Like all position statements, both of these new additions will be up for an annual review in the month they were adopted, therefore, both new position statements will be up for renewal in September 2015.

To read both position statements in their entirety, please check out the following links:

- The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the President's 2015 Budget Proposal:
<http://cab.srs.gov/library/positions/2015budget.pdf>
- The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the Savannah River National Laboratory:
http://cab.srs.gov/library/positions/srscab_srnl.pdf

The SRS CAB Says “Farewell” to Several Members



Marolyn Parson is retiring off the Board after meeting her six-year term limit. Currently, Dr. Parson is the Chair of the CAB, taking up the helm last year when former CAB chair, Donald Bridges, retired from the Board. Marolyn has been a very active member, having worked with nearly every committee within the CAB. During her six years as a CAB member, Marolyn has served as chair of the Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee, the vice chair of the Strategic & Legacy Management Committee, and as a member of the Administrative & Outreach Committee and Nuclear Materials Committee. A regular attendee of CAB meetings, Dr. Parson has authored several recommendations, and has served as a mentor to many. Dr. Parson represented Beaufort County as a resident of Bluffton, South Carolina.

Thank you for your service to the Board, Marolyn!



Like Dr. Parson, Rose Hayes leaves the Board after meeting her six-year term limit. Dr. Hayes has served as the Nuclear Materials chair for several years, but has also been a member of the Waste Management Committee, and the Administrative & Outreach Committee. Dr. Hayes has written many recommendations on behalf of the CAB, and always brings a lively discussion to every meeting. She has kept very busy during her tenure on the Board, having written a paper for the Waste Management Symposia in years past, and regularly addressing her local city council on behalf of the CAB. Dr. Hayes represented Aiken County as a resident of Aiken, South Carolina.

Thank you for your service to the Board, Rose!



Cleveland Latimore is the third CAB member in 2014 to retire off the Board due to meeting the six-year term limit. Mr. Latimore served as a member of the Waste Management Committee, and the Administrative & Outreach Committee. A representative of Georgia, Mr. Latimore was always willing to travel to make committee meetings, and offered good insight into outreach projects. A true mediator, he helped many new CAB members feel comfortable on the Board. Mr. Latimore represented Chatham County as a resident of Pooler Georgia.

Thank you for your service to the Board, Cleveland!



Michael Havird joined the SRS CAB as a new member this year, but unfortunately had to resign halfway into his year due to personal reasons. Dr. Havird was a member of the Nuclear Materials Committee. He represented Aiken County as a resident of North Augusta, South Carolina.

Thank you for your service to the Board, Michael!



William Calhoun joined the Board in 2013, but also resigned before his first term ended due to personal reasons. Mr. Calhoun served as a member of the Nuclear Materials Committee. He represented Aiken County as a resident of Aiken, South Carolina.

Thank you for your service to the Board, William!



Jessica Grainger joined the Board in 2013, but resigned after her first term due to being relocated for a new job opportunity. Ms. Grainger was a member of the Strategic & Legacy Management Committee, and regularly attended CAB meetings. She represented Aiken County as a resident of Aiken, South Carolina.

Thank you for your service to the Board, Jessica!



The SRS CAB is always looking for new members to join the Board!

Do you live in an area affected by cleanup activities at SRS? Would you be interested in learning about SRS and working as a team to help inform local communities? If the answer is "yes," you would be perfect for the SRS Citizens Advisory Board. We are currently recruiting new members to the CAB for the next term.

Please fill out an application at:

<http://cab.srs.gov>

You can email us at:

srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov

**Or you can give us a call at :
803-952-7884 or (800-249-8155)**

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As a CAB member, one of these seats could be yours at CAB Full Board Meetings. Join us and have a seat!

Take a Look: Full Board Meetings

A snapshot of presenters, CAB members, and more
May 2014 - September 2014



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The EMSSAB Chairs' Meeting is Held in Idaho on September 17-18



SRS CAB chair, Marolyn Parson, asks a question during Board discussion. This Chairs' meeting was Ms. Parson's last as she is retiring off the Board after six years of service.

was also time for product development, where Board recommendations were produced, and a presentation on the EMSSAB's 20 years of service.

The SRS CAB's chair, Marolyn Parson, and vice chair, Harold Simon were in attendance and represented the SRS CAB.

The most recent Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB) Chairs' Meeting was held in Idaho Falls, Idaho on September 17-18, 2014. A tour of the Idaho National Laboratory was held on September 16. At EMSSAB Chairs' Meetings, the Board chairs and vice chairs from each site come together to talk through issues that affect each Board.

The Chairs' Meeting, which is held twice a year at rotating Environmental Management sites, had a full agenda, with presentations on the Environmental Management Program, budget priorities across the Environmental Management complex, waster disposition, and Environmental Management Acquisition and Project Management. There



The EMSSAB chairs and vice chairs take a photo in front of Idaho's beautiful Snake River.

SRS Heritage Foundation, Aiken County & SRNS Cut Ribbon at SRS History Museum

Press release written by Caroline Reppert & originally released by SRNS

AIKEN, S.C. (Oct. 28, 2014) – Officials from the Savannah River Site (SRS) Heritage Foundation, Aiken County and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch the new SRS Museum.

"The purpose of the SRS Museum is to tell the stories of those who spent their careers working to win the Cold War, celebrate the technical and scientific achievements of SRS employees over the past six decades, and show the impact on the CSRA by the huge influx of people moving to the region to work at the Site. This museum represents more than 10 years of planning, and I want to extend my thanks to Aiken County for providing the Dibble Library building for the museum and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions for helping the SRS Heritage Foundation get the museum off the ground," said Walter Joseph, Executive Director, SRS Heritage Foundation.

The museum will officially open to the public in 2015. According to Joseph, there are many great resources already out there to learn about the history of the Site, and this museum will further illustrate the valuable work and missions that SRS employees have accomplished.

"Aiken County is proud to come together with the SRS Heritage Foundation and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions to share an important part of Aiken County's history. With its location on Laurens Street, the museum will be an accessible resource for Aiken County residents and visitors alike who want to learn more about the site's unique history," said Ronnie Young, Aiken County Council Chairman.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, representatives from the SRS Heritage Foundation gave tours of the building and described the upcoming museum exhibit themes.

"This museum will give visitors an opportunity to travel back in time to see what it would've been like to live in Aiken during the Cold War. The generations of SRS workers will not be forgotten because of the efforts of the SRS Heritage Foundation and the generosity of Aiken County for providing the Dibble Library building for the museum," said Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO.

The SRS Museum is located at the former Dibble Memorial Library at 224 Laurens St., SW, Aiken, S.C. 29801.



Dwayne Wilson, Fluor International (left); Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO; Dr. David Moody, DOE Savannah River Operations Office Manager; Walter Joseph, Executive Director of the SRS Heritage Foundation; Paula Joseph; Ronnie Young, Aiken County Council Chairman; and U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson cut the ribbon for the new SRS Museum (the former Dibble Memorial Library) in Aiken, S.C.

SRNS Takes on New Environmental Cleanup Challenge: Coal-Fired Ash

News Release and picture originally posted online by SRNS

A mammoth, 1950s-era, coal-fired power plant now sits cold and dark in a largely closed industrial area within the sprawling Savannah River Site. Owned by the U.S. Department of Energy, whose primary contractor is Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the powerhouse may be quiet and still; however, nearby, SRNS employees are rapidly preparing for the cleanup of huge quantities of ash, generated over the decades by the same facility.

“Coal ash represents a potential risk to human health and the environment,” said Chris Bergren, Director, Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects. “Cleaning up this particular site is in the best interest of the environment, SRS and the State of South Carolina. This is particularly true given the age of the earthen berms created to make the pond-like basins historically used to store the ash.”



SRNS employees have begun a five-year project to fully restore 90 acres, located within D-Area, by remediating approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of ash.

SRNS personnel will use their extensive experience and specialized knowledge involving environmental cleanup to place an ash landfill and much of the three adjacent water and ash-filled basins in a long term, environmentally safe condition. A portion of this 90-acre cleanup site will also be graded and formed into a storm water collection area.

Full restoration of the 90 acres, located within the Savannah River Site's D Area, is expected to take five years. Removing tens of millions of gallons of water contained within the basins is now taking place.

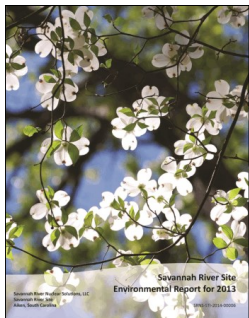
The next phase will involve heavy equipment, used to consolidate approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of ash within two designated locations at the work site.

Clean fill dirt will then be placed in the basins and on the ash landfill.

Once ash consolidation is complete, two layers of clay will form a water impermeable barrier that will be covered by nearly two feet of new soil and planted with grass to finish the remediation process. The project is expected to be completed by June of 2019.

2013 Monitoring Report States SRS Environmentally Safe

Excerpt and picture originally posted online



Last year, the Savannah River Site continued to safely complete goals related to its missions while maintaining its record of environmental excellence. The site's radioactive and chemical discharges during 2013 were well below federal, state and DOE regulations and standards, set to protect the public, environment and site workers.

According to the 2013 Savannah River Site Environmental Report, the total radiological dose from SRS releases was estimated at 0.19 mrem for 2013. This equates to less than one percent of the 100 mrem per year limit set by the Federal Government for radiation exposure to the public from all sources combined.

In comparison, the yearly dose to the average person living in the United States from naturally occurring radionuclides found in our bodies, the earth and received from the sun is 311 mrem. Typically, Americans receive an annual dose of 13 mrem just from using household products.

“The report confirms that operations at SRS are being conducted in a manner that protects site workers and the environment,” said Amy Meyer, Manager, Sample Data Management, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). “For decades, SRS has effectively and successfully worked with state and federal regulators to ensure SRS waterways and surrounding communities continue to be safe.”

The Savannah River Site Environmental Report for 2013 is available online at: <http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum/index.html>

SRS CAB Recommendations Adopted Since July 2014

Check out
cab.srs.gov for more
CAB
recommendations!

Recommendation # 319

Planning for Disposition of SRS Canisters & L-Basin Materials

Adopted: July 22, 2014

Status: Open

The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board recommends that DOE:

1. Develop a plan for pilot testing of used nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste as a basis for establishing the variable handling, shipping, and storage requirements for permanently disposing of such materials in a deep geologic repository.
2. Include in the plan's preliminary/pilot tests the utilization of SRS DWPF canisters and L-Basin materials (both foreign and domestic).

Recommendation # 320

Chemical Separation or Partitioning & Transmutation (P/T) of Used Nuclear Fuel & Defense High-Level Radioactive Waste

Adopted: July 22, 2014

Status: Open

The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board recommends that DOE:

1. Develop a systemic plan which outlines and prioritizes the development of advanced separation technologies.
2. Develop a strategy which integrates such advanced technologies with efforts to construct a repository.
3. Task the SRS SRNL with implementing an investigative program in support of the systemic plan and the integration plan.
4. Develop a funding approach adequate to the task of supporting the systemic plan, the integrative plan, and the investigative program assigned to the SRS SRNL.
5. Provide a draft plan and funding approach for public information and input by FY 2016.

Recommendation # 321

Improving Public Communication and Understanding of the Liquid Waste Program and Revisions to the "Liquid Waste System Plan"

Adopted: September 23, 2014

Status: Open

The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board recommends that DOE:

1. Work with the Waste Management Committee to develop a template for the annual presentation that describes the revisions to the Liquid Waste System Plan; specifically, at a minimum, the template should specify what diagrams, figures, tables, or schematics should be used every year and must be free of acronyms.
2. Adhere to the template described above when the annual revision to the Liquid Waste System Plan is presented to the Board thereafter.
3. Hold an information session every year with the Waste Management Committee prior to the finalization of the revision to the "Liquid Waste System Plan" to highlight the changes and to answer questions that arise; this session must be done prior to any scheduled presentation to the Board on the revisions to the "Liquid Waste System Plan."
4. Provide an estimate of how much of an increase in the budget for the Liquid Waste Program would be needed to meet milestones when budget shortages are responsible for delays in meeting enforceable milestones.
5. Provide a printed copy of the Executive Summary of the annual revision to the "Liquid Waste System Plan" to the Waste Management Committee at least one week prior to any scheduled presentation on such revisions.

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SRS CAB Recommendations Adopted Since July 2014

Recommendation # 321, continued....

6. Provide a printed copy of the annual revision to the “Liquid Waste System Plan” to the Chair of the Waste Management Committee as soon as it is finalized.
7. Include links to copies of the current and past “Liquid Waste System Plan” revisions on the www.srs.gov homepage under the “Publications and Documents” dropdown tab.
8. Work with the Waste Management Committee to come up with a schedule to develop the template described above.
9. Work with the Waste Management Committee to develop a mutually agreeable timeline for the information session described above, distribution of the Executive Summary to the final revision of the “Liquid Waste System Plan” and the annual update on the revision to the “Liquid Waste System Plan.”
10. Include a presentation that describes the Liquid Waste Program and the role of the Liquid Waste Program Plan at the Citizens Advisory Board’s Annual Education/Process Meeting.
11. Include the liquid waste system facilities as a routine part of the Site tours provided for members of the Citizens Advisory Board.

Recommendation # 322

Updates Provided to the Citizens Advisory Board at the Bi-Monthly Committee Meetings and Via Email

Adopted: September 23, 2014

Status: Open

The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board recommends that DOE:

1. Provide updates at the regular Citizens Advisory Board’s bimonthly committee meetings.
 - a. These updates should be provided by the designated Department of Energy liaison to each issue-based committee.
 - i. These updates should be patterned after the “Agency Update” format used at the Citizens Advisory Board’s Full Board Meetings.
 - ii. These updates should be brief and informal, with the option of a PowerPoint presentation or handout, and be followed by a question and answer session.
2. Provide updates via email to the Citizens Advisory Board.
 - a. These updates should be sent when a situation arises at the Site and waiting could mean that information could appear in the press before the Board is informed in a meeting environment.
3. Provide news releases relevant to the Site via email to the Citizens Advisory Board.
 - a. These news releases should be sent at the same time that they are posted on www.srs.gov or at the same time they are sent to news media.

**All SRS CAB recommendations,
and DOE responses, can be found
in their entirety on the CAB’s
website:**

cab.srs.gov



SRS Public Tours Program

In 2014, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC once again offered a limited number of Savannah River Site (SRS) tours for the general public.

Twenty-two general site driving tours of SRS were offered to the public in 2014, providing openings for approximately 1,100 people to visit the site. Tour check-in began at 12:30 p.m., at the Aiken County, S.C., Applied Research Center, (located off Highway 278), near the northern boundary of the site. Guests were given an overview presentation safety briefing, tour of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) and general driving tour of the site. The tours conclude at approximately 4:30pm.

Site tours provide an opportunity for those interested in SRS to better understand the Department of Energy's facilities and workers that changed the face of Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale Counties, nearby cities and helped win the Cold War. Guests also learn about facilities supporting future missions of the Savannah River Site.

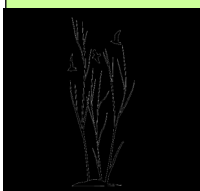
All tours are free of charge and each will accommodate 50 participants. Tour participants must be 18 years of age or older and must be U.S. Citizens. Two forms of identification are required at check-in the day of the tour. **If no internet access is available**, individuals may call 803-952-8994 for assistance.

Seats are limited to two individuals per reservation, and participants may reserve only one tour date per year. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Upcoming SRS public tour date for 2014:
- December 9, 2014



The SRS CAB Has Gone Green!



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Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR, says “Farewell” After 26 Years of Federal Service



Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR, and
SRS CAB Federal Coordinator

After we've worked for a number of years, we all know the time will come when we would be faced with the question “to retire or not to retire”? Well, after 26 years of Federal service, I came face-to-face with the question and responded with a resounding “YES” to retirement! So, in just about month and a half, I will leave this wonderful job with the Department of Energy, and sadly no longer serve as the single Federal Coordinator of the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board, as I have for the past 20 years.

Working with the public is not necessarily a hotly, sought-after job and it's not for everyone. The job is usually misunderstood, sometimes by individuals on both sides. But once you start peeling away the layers, getting to understand the need, and start the approach honestly and openly, the importance and satisfying activities of this job become quite clear!

I have often stated, and still believe, that it was a great idea of DOE to establish such a board as the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board because how else could we hear public concerns? One or two members of the public might send us a letter here and there, but through the Board, we can hear from a broader, more diverse perspective, over a larger geographic area.

I've seen, over the years, how members of this Board have transitioned from angry, uninformed, skeptics, to curious and truth-seeking individuals, once they realized the power they had in understanding the presentations. This is a beautiful sight to see because this is what this Board is supposed to be about, helping the public to gain the power of knowledge.

So I eagerly move on to the next chapter of my life. Not so much eager to move FROM, as to move TO. I truly wish those remaining in control will not allow the original objective of this Board to be lost. I wish to all of you a zeal for truth and knowledge, but above-all, a careful application of the resulting power!

Farewell; be well; be blessed!

Gerri Flemming

The SRS CAB Support Team would like to thank Gerri Flemming for her guidance, leadership, and friendship over the past four years. We will miss working, and laughing, with you. Congrats on your retirement, and good luck!

And welcome to de'Lisa Carrico, who will be working as Acting Federal Coordinator for the CAB!

Check us out online!

Everything you need to help you understand the issues being reviewed by the SRS CAB can be found on the Board's website:

cab.srs.gov

The CAB's website has copies of recommendations, DOE correspondence, dates of SRS tours, CAB biographies, meeting schedules, position statements, and more.

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Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

Key criteria for Board membership includes a time commitment and the willingness to study the issues and work toward clear, implementable recommendations.

To apply for membership to the Citizens Advisory Board, please call 1-800-249-8155, or visit the CAB website and complete an application at: **cab.srs.gov**

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